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1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE II SPENT MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS
ON ITEM 9--LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES--AND ITEM 10--RIGHTS AND
INTERESTS OF SHELFLOCKED STATES AND STATES WITH NARROW SHELVES
OR SHORT COASTLINES. END SUMMARY.

2. NEPAL: INTRODUCED WORKING PAPER ON RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED
STATES (L.29, AND NOTED HIGH PRIORITY LANDLOCKED STATES
ATTACH TO SECURING REAFFIRMATION IN LOS CONVENTION OF
PRINCIPLE OF FREE ACCESS TO SEA. NEPAL NOTED THAT MEANINGFUL
FREE ACCESS REQUIRED THAT LANDLOCKED STATES HAVE CERTAIN PORT
FACILITIES UNDER ITS OWN CONTROL. CZECHOSLOVAKIA
SUPPORTED AND EXPANDED UPON NEPAL'S INTERVENTION AND NOTED FREE
ACCESS INCLUDED PARTICIPATION ON EQUITABLE BASIS IN INTER-
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NATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY, PARTICIPATION IN REGIME AND

MACHINERY, AND SHARING OF BENEFITS FROM SEABED. IT WAS NOTED THAT RECIPROCITY SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY PRECONDITION FOR FREE ACCESS.

3. UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, MONGOLIA, HUNGARY, BOTSWANA, BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY, AND AFGHANISTAN SUPPORTED ABOVE POINTS. SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA, IN DISCUSSING RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES NOTED THAT NO DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING STATES. GHANA FAVORS BILATERAL AND REGIONAL APPROACHES TO GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED PROBLEM AND COULD NOT AGREE TO SHARE NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF ECONOMIC ZONE WITH LANDLOCKED NEIGHBORS. BYELORUSSIA, GDR, SENEGAL, CUBA AND SWITZERLAND SUPPORTED LANDLOCKED ASPIRATIONS. IRAN REJECTED ANY SHARING, INCLUDING REVENUE, FROM CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH LANDLOCKED. SINGAPORE ACCUSED CONFERENCE OF A TERRITORIAL GRAB AND DIRECTLY LINKED SUPPORT BY GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FOR ECONOMIC ZONE TO COASTAL SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF L.29.

4. PANAMA WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US CONTROL OVER PANAMA CANAL AREA AND STATED THIS CUT OFF SEVERAL PORTS' ACCESS TO SEA. INDIA, TURKEY AND PAKISTAN WERE BASICALLY OPPOSED TO LANDLOCKED STATES' ASPIRATIONS. CHILE, IGIAI, AND INDONESIA EXPRESSED MODERATE POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES.

5. LESOTHO STATED LANDLOCKED STATES NEEDED AIR TRANSIT RIGHTS TO COASTAL STATE PORTS AND TO SEA. IN ADDITION, DEBATE REVEALED NUMBER OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN LANDLOCKED STATES AND STATES OF TRANSIT WERE UNSATISFACTORY TO EACH PARTY.
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